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Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the District for the year 1952.

The vital statistics are quite satisfactory, no serious infectious disease was notified, and the overcrowding shown to exist by the survey of sanitary circumstances is symptomatic of the sharing of homes which occurs today, and points to the need for a greater number of smaller houses.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

R. W. KIND

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Area, in acres 2,529

Number of inhabited houses, including shops, etc. with housing accommodation (end of 1952) 1,993

Rateable Value (1st April, 1952) £52,424

Sum represented by a Penny Rate £216

POPULATION:

1952 Registrar-General's Estimate 6,183

TABLE showing the changes in population during the past ten years:

1943	5354	1948	5802
1944	5381	1949	6070
1945	5407	1950	6273
1946	5637	1951	6244
1947	5720	1952	6183

BIRTHS:

			1951	1952
Live Births -	Legitimate	Male	44	46
		Female	48	49
		Total	92	95
	Illegitimate	Male	2	2
		Female	2	2
		Total	4	4
	TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS	Male	46	48
		Female	50	51
		Total	96	99
Stillbirths -	Legitimate	Male	Nil	Nil
		Female	3	1
		Total	3	1
	Illegitimate	Male	Nil	Nil
		Female	Nil	Nil
		Total	Nil	Nil
	TOTAL STILLBIRTHS	Male	Nil	Nil
		Female	3	1
		Total	3	1

Birthrate per 1,000

Estimated population	1951	1952
Oadby	15.3	16.0
England and Wales ..	15.5	15.3

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

TABLE showing numbers of births and birth rates during the past ten years:-

YEAR	Number of Births OADBY			Birth rate per 1,000 population		
	Legit-imate	Illegit-imate	Total	Oadby	Leicester-shire	England & Wales
1943	82	4	86	16.1	19.6	16.5
1944	107	7	114	21.2	21.1	17.6
1945	80	11	91	16.8	18.8	16.1
1946	92	5	97	17.2	20.6	19.1
1947	86	1	87	15.2	21.2	20.5
1948	75	4	79	13.6	18.84	17.9
1949	107	3	110	18.1	17.35	16.7
1950	84	5	89	14.1	16.17	15.8
1951	92	4	96	15.3	16.02	15.5
1952	95	4	99	16.0	15.67	15.3

DEATHS:		1951	1952
Total number of deaths	Male	42	29
	Female	29	42
	Total	71	71
Death rate per 1,000	Oadby	11.3	11.4
Estimated population	England & Wales	12.5	11.3
Deaths from puerperal causes			
Number of deaths - Puerperal sepsis	.. .. ..	Nil	Nil
Other Puerperal causes	.. ..	Nil	Nil
Puerperal mortality rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths			
	Oadby	Nil	Nil
	England & Wales	0.79	0.72
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age			
	Number of deaths	Nil	1
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	Oadby	Nil	10.1
	England & Wales	29.6	27.6

CAUSES OF DEATHS

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S CLASSIFICATION	1951			1952		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	1	3	1	-	1
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	2	2	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-	-	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-	-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases ..	-	-	-	-	1	1
10. Malignant neoplasm, Stomach	3	-	3	2	-	2
11. " " Bronchus and lung ..	-	-	-	1	-	1
12. " " Breast	-	-	-	-	3	3
13. " " Uterus	-	-	-	-	-	-
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm ..	5	-	5	1	6	7
15. Leukaemia and aleukaemia	-	-	-	-	-	-
16. Diabetes	-	-	-	1	-	1
17. Vascular lesions of the nervous system ..	5	5	10	5	7	12
18. Coronary disease and agina	6	2	8	2	4	6
19. Hypertension with heart disease	1	2	3	-	1	1
20. Other heart disease	4	10	14	4	12	16
21. Other circulatory disease	3	1	4	3	2	5
22. Influenza	1	2	3	1	-	1
23. Pneumonia	2	2	4	1	1	2
24. Bronchitis	4	1	5	1	-	1
25. Other diseases of the respiratory system	-	-	-	-	-	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-	1	-	1	1
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	1	-	1	-	1	1
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	3	-	3	1	-	1
30. Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	-	-	-	-	-	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases ..	1	-	1	3	2	5
33. Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-
34. All other accidents	-	1	1	1	1	2
35. Suicide	-	-	-	1	-	1
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL (all causes) ..	42	29	71	29	42	71

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

I am indebted to the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. G. Edgar Fryer, for the following information upon the sanitary circumstances of the area:-

Water Supply

The Leicester Corporation water mains are laid throughout the area, and supply all except a few outlying premises. The water is of excellent quality in all respects.

(a)	Number of dwelling houses having a piped water supply laid into the house	1925
	Population concerned	6027
(b)	Number of dwelling houses which have access to the Leicester City supply by means of stand pipes	68

Drainage and Sewage

The sewage is dealt with at the Council's Sewage Farm.

On the 31st December, 1952 there were 39 cesspools in the District, two cesspools having been constructed during the year.

Closet Accommodation

Approximate numbers in the District:-

(a)	Privies	Nil
(b)	Pail Closets	12
(c)	Water Closets	2111

Public Cleansing

House refuse is collected weekly by the Council's staff, and disposal is by means of controlled tipping on a low level field at the Sewage Disposal Works.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

Total number of complaints received during the year ..	21
Total number of defects or nuisances discovered	127
Total number of inspections made:-	
Animal keeping	5
Bakehouses	3
Dairies	4
Drainage works	294
Dwelling houses (all purposes)..	337
Food premises	12
Rodent Control	30
Refuse collection and disposal..	58
Schools	Nil
Shops	10
Slaughter-house and meat inspections..	72
Water supplies	2
Workshops, etc.	8
Verminous and dirty premises	Nil
Other inspections	149
Total inspections	987

Notices Served During the Year

Preliminary	Housing	Public Health
Outstanding on January 1st 1952 ..	25	3
Issued during 1952	23	98
Complied with during 1952	24	101
Statutory action necessary ..	3	Nil
Outstanding on December 31st 1952	24	Nil

No summary action was taken during the year

Premises and Occupations which can be controlled by Byelaws and Regulations

Camping Sites: There are no camping sites in the area, and no licences have been issued.

Shops: No action was taken during the year under the provisions of the Shop Acts, 1950.

Swimming Bath: Filtration and chlorination plant has been in regular use. 14 inspections were made during 1952.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

The refuse tip and all other sources of complaint are regularly treated by the Rodent Officer who is employed jointly with the Wigston Urban District Council.

HOUSING

(1) New Houses:

Total number of applications for Council houses received at the end of the year	222

Programme of new houses to be erected

Total number of post war houses completed by:-	
(a) the Local Authority	152
(b) Private Enterprise	77
Number of houses erected during the year by:-	
(a) the Local Authority	20
(b) Private Enterprise	17
Number of permanent houses in course of construction at the end of the year by:-	
(a) the Local Authority	12
(b) Private Enterprise	40

(2) Inspection of dwelling houses during the year:

(a) i. Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	120
ii. Number of inspections made for this purpose	149
(b) i. Number of dwelling houses (including those above) inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	Nil
ii. Number of inspections made for this purpose	Nil
(c) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under (d) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human inhabitation	23
(d) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human inhabitation	Nil

(3) Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice:

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or its officers	21

(4) Action under Statutory Powers during the year:

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936	3
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts ..	97
(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936	Nil
(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act 1936	Nil

HOUSING

(5) Housing Act, 1936 - Overcrowding:

(a)	i.	Number of dwellings reported overcrowded at the end of the year	6
	ii.	Number of families dwelling therein	11
	iii.	Number of persons dwelling therein	43
(b)		Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	2
(c)	i.	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	3
	ii.	Number of persons concerned in such cases ..	10
(d)		Cases where dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority has taken steps for its abatement..	Nil

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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY:

(1.) Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949:-

Dairies	Number on Register	3
	Number of Inspections made	4
Distributors.	Number on Register	6
	Number of Inspections made	4

(2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk)Regulations, 1949:-

Dealers licences issued ..	Pasteurised ..	1
Dealers licences issued ..	Sterilised ..	1
Supplementary licences issued	Pasteurised ..	3
Supplementary licences issued	Sterilised ..	2

(3) Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations 1949.

Licences issued	Dealers	2
Licences issued	Supplementary ..	2

(4) Biological Examination of Milk

Six samples of milk were taken for examination by guinea pig inoculation and none revealed the presence of living tubercle bacilli.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS:

There are no regional slaughter-houses in the District, and the 72 animals slaughtered for food during the year were all examined.

A total of 43 inspections was made of meat shops, meat stores and other places of food storage.

PREVENTION OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

General Review

The common infectious diseases of children included 8 cases of measles and 16 cases each of whooping cough and scarlet fever. There were 3 cases of dysentry.

Tuberculosis

During the year five new cases of tuberculosis were notified. There was one death.

There were 23 respiratory and 10 non-respiratory cases on the Register at the end of the year, compared with 20 and 10 cases respectively at the end of 1951.

Diphtheria Immunisation

During the year 54 children under the age of five years were immunised against Diphtheria, whilst a further 33 children of school-age received injections to maintain their immunity.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948

PART I

Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are enforced by the Local Authority	31
Inspections made	12
Notices issued	1
Defects found	1

PART VII

Number of outworkers in list required by Section 110 (i) (c)..	33

(Nature of work - the making of wearing apparel)

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